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From The Ground Up

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City of Highland's Community Development Mission Statement:

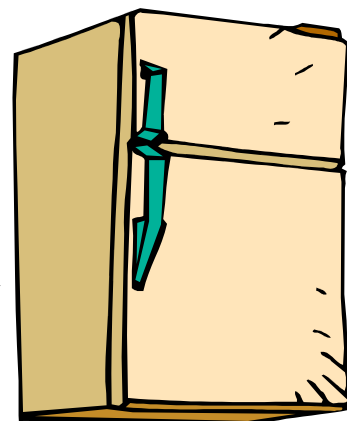
To ignite positive change through orderly development and revitalization of quality construction while serving in a courteous professional, and ethical manner.

Guidelines for Food Safety During Power Outages

What to do when your freezer fails...

When the electricity is off, a fully stocked freezer can potentially keep food frozen two days if the door remains closed. A half full freezer can keep foods frozen about one day. If electric service will not be reconnected within one or two days...

- Keep the freezer door closed.
- If your friends have electricity, divide your frozen foods among their freezers.
- Seek freezer space in a store, church, school, or commercial meat locker or freezer that has electrical service.
- Know where you can buy dry ice and block ice. Dry ice freezes everything it touches; 25 pounds of it will keep a 10-cubic foot freezer below freezing for three to four days. When using dry ice, be sure to take several precautions. **Never touch dry ice with bare hands!** Also, do not stick your head into a freezer that contains dry ice. It gives off carbon dioxide, which replaces oxygen, so leave the door open a short time before examining your food.
- If food is still "cold to the touch", it may be cooked and eaten immediately. Do not re-freeze thawed food.



What To Do When Your Refrigerator Fails

When the power goes off, you can normally expect food inside a refrigerator to stay safely cold for four to six hours, depending on how warm your kitchen is.

- Add block ice to the refrigerator if the electricity is off longer than four to six hours.
- High-protein foods (dairy products, meat, fish, poultry) should be consumed as soon as possible if power is not restored immediately. They cannot be stored safely at room temperature.
- Fruits and vegetables can be kept safely at room temperature until there are obvious signs of spoilage (mold, slime, wilt).

****Compliance with all Sections of the 2010 Standards for Accessible Design is required by all Illinois municipalities as of March 15, 2012. Plans are to be reviewed to both, the Illinois Accessibility Code (IAC) and ADA-whichever is stricter is to be followed.**

Please visit the ADA website for information on the new Standards: www.ada.gov